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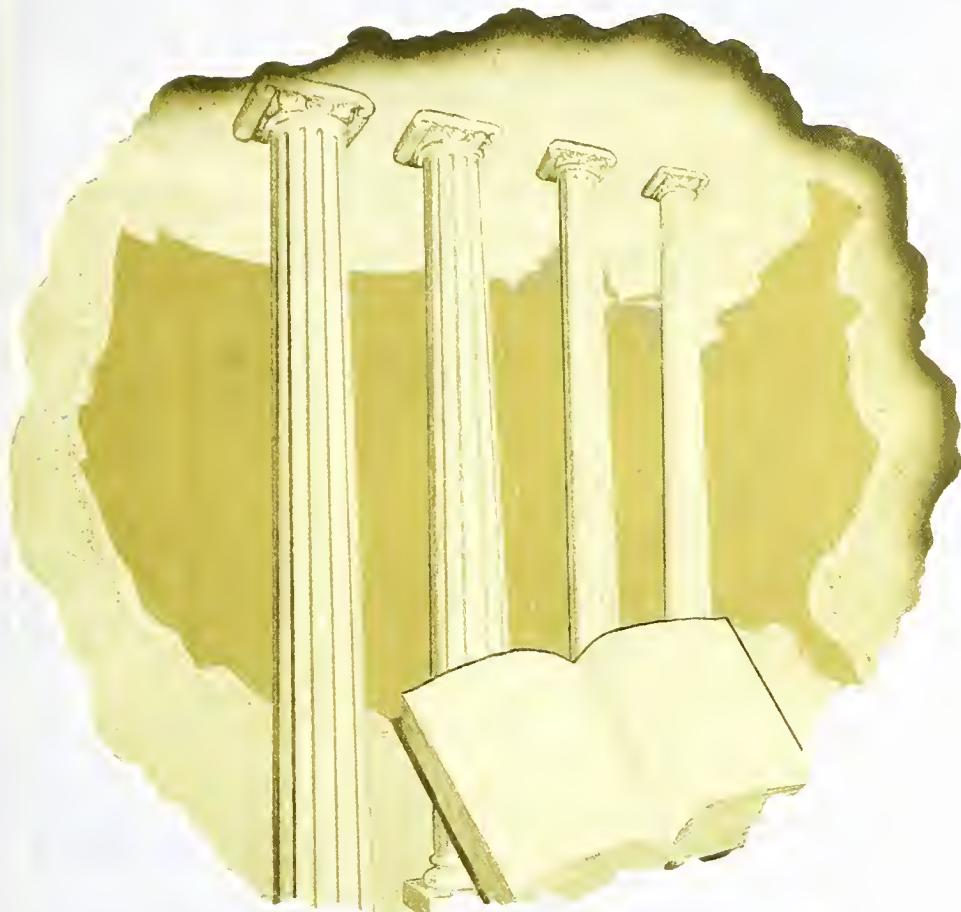
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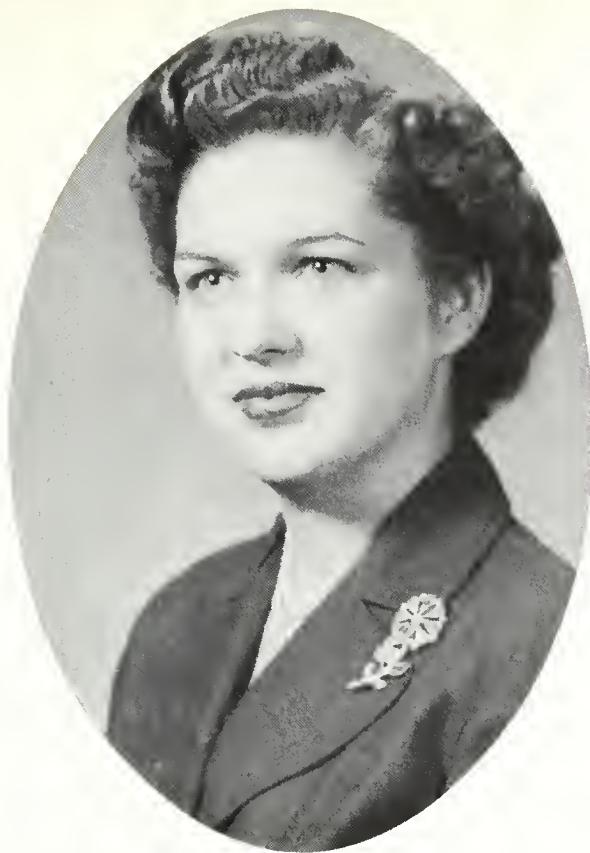
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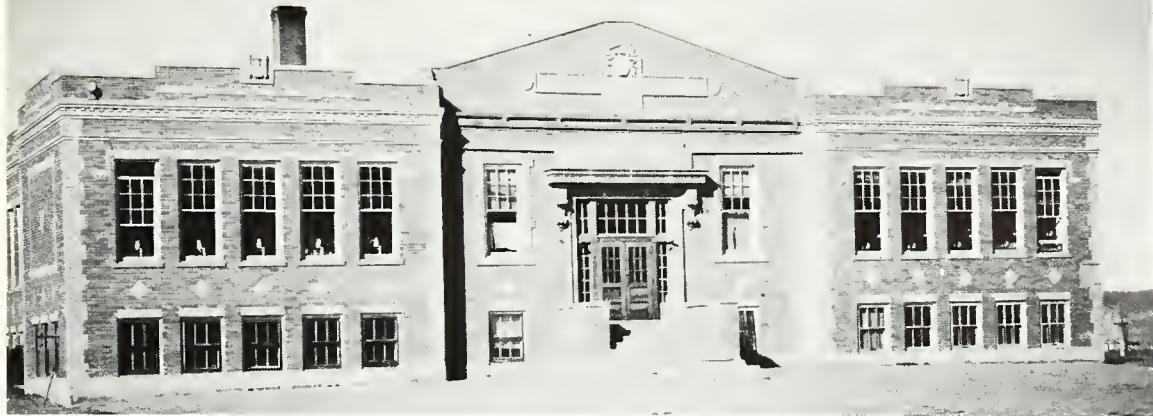


## *Dedication*

To our most helpful friend and ardent sponsor, we, the class of '54 dedicate this The Wapita to Mrs. Schmidt.

We also dedicate it to Mr. Tuomi, who has been our superintendent during our fours years of high school. We wish to express our thanks to him for helping us make the grade.

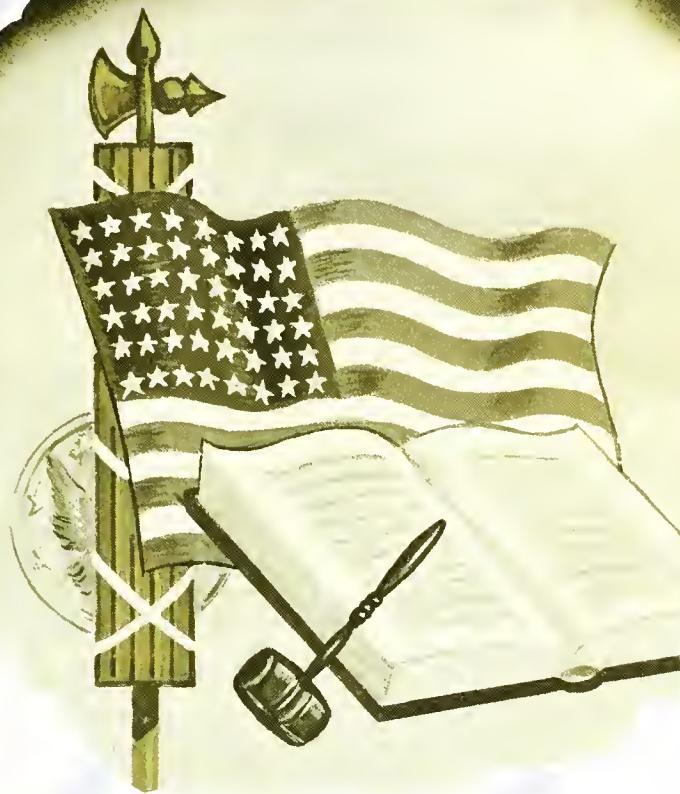
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## *Foreword*

The 1954 Wapita surveys and records important events and school activities of the school year which has just passed. The Senior Class of 1954 presents this volume of the Wapita to their friends hoping that it will provide a collection of pleasant memories and recall some of the strongest and finest friendships of your life.

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**Administration**



# Faculty Council



Mr. Elmer Tuomi

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and  
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Mr. Paul Rohnke



Mrs. Thelma Schmidt



Mr. Jack Hane



Mr. Don Gall



Mr. Charles Tuomi

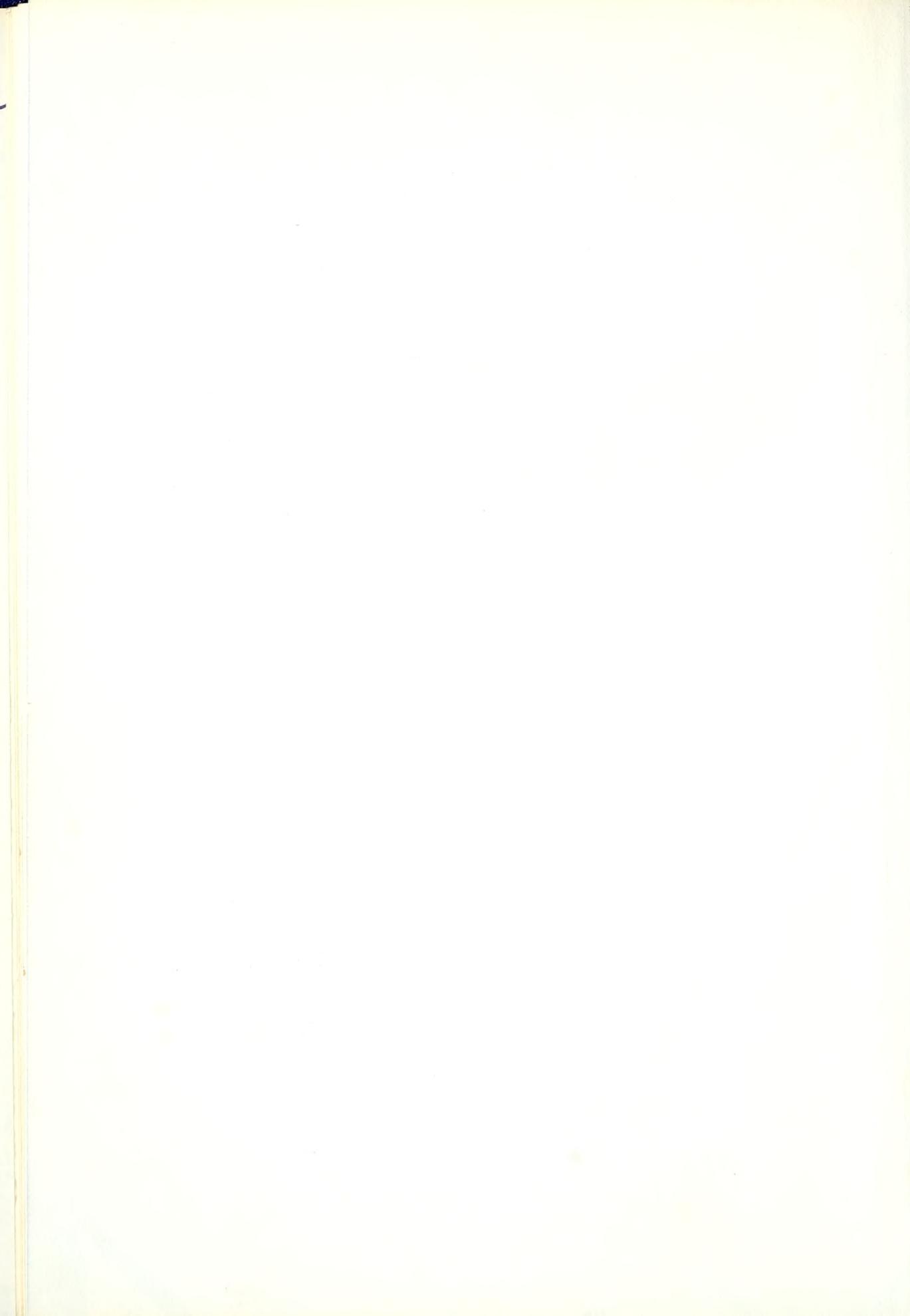


Mr. Carl Wolfe





**Senior Class**



# *Class History*

On September 6, 1950, four years ago, 16 wide eyed, wise looking freshmen entered A. H. S. We went through the initiation of lipstick and shower baths with flying colors and settled down to our classes.

We elected our class officers making David Flom, President; Fern Paul, Vice-President; George Austin, Secretary; and Margaret McDonald, Treasurer. Nancy McLean and Margaret McDonald were two of the three cheerleaders elected.

During the year, Kae Lee joined us making our class a total of seventeen.

We made it through the first year losing three classmates; Mary Bond, Dana Lou Dean, and Phyllis Olsen.

We began our sophomore year on September 4, 1951, losing two more classmates, David Flom and Alfred Wiseman and gaining Vondell Kennedy and Jim Moody. However, Jim didn't return in the fall.

We elected officers and they were George Austin, President; Jim Lee, Vice-President; and Rosella Sangray, Secretary-Treasurer. Rosella left us during the year to get married, leaving us without a Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

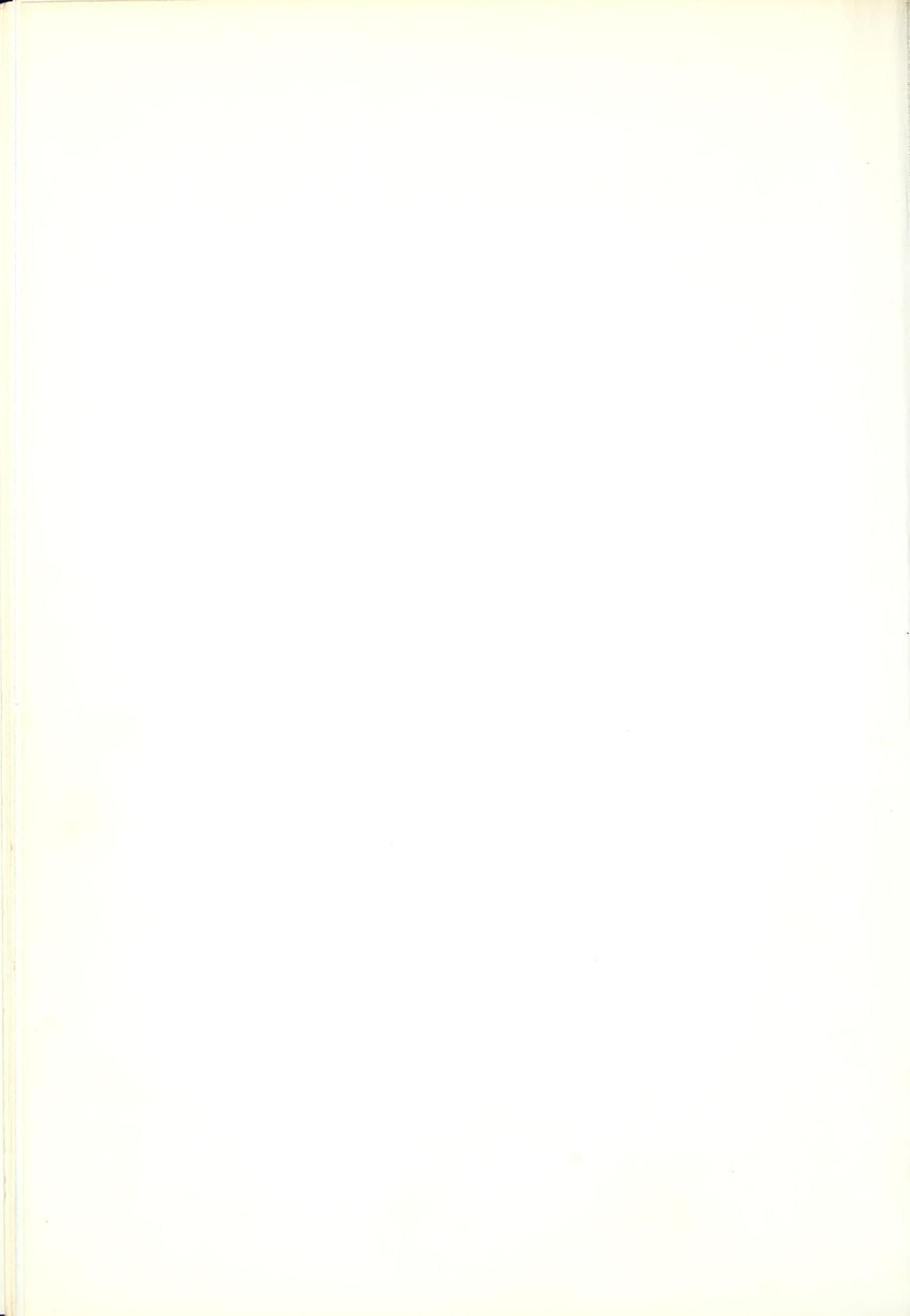
Carol McGrath joined our class on January 14, 1952, bringing it to a total of 13.

Kae Lee, George Austin, and Donald Kelly were on the football team. George and Kae were also on the basketball team. They learned the ability to play ball under the supervision of Mr. Tuomi.

The second of September in 1952, we began our third year of high school with a total of ten classmates. Election of officers was held and Nancy McLean was elected President; Kae Lee, Vice-President; and Fern Paul, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Murray was given the job of sponsor.

Nancy and Betty were two of the cheerleaders elected for the year. Nancy was elected Vice-President of the Pep Club.

George Austin and Kae Lee were co-captains of the football team under the supervision of Mr. Gall and Mr. Hane. George was also on the basketball team.



We had a few scrambles over selecting a theme for the Junior-Senior Prom. The Theme "Tulips and Heather" was chosen. The orchestra gave us a very nice compliment by saying that we had the nicest grandmarch they had ever seen.

Tom Pings joined us on November 14, 1952, and brought our class to a total of ten.

Fern Paul, Margaret McDonald, and Carol McGrath left us during the year and got married.

The seniors of '53 elected George Austin as Ass't. Editor and Kae Lee as Ass't Business Manager of the Annual.

To close our junior year Nancy was elected to represent Augusta at Girls' State and Bill Maphies and Tom Pings were elected to go to Boys' State.

On September 2, 1953, six very intelligent looking pupils marched through the doors of A. H. S. for their last year in high school.

George Austin had moved to Glasgow just before school started and could not be with us for our last year.

Officers were elected as follows: Bill Maphies, President; Betty Bean, Vice-President; Nancy McLean, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Schmidt was made sponsor.

Nancy and Betty were again chosen as cheerleaders for the year. Betty was elected President of the Pep Club.

Betty and Nancy were elected co-editors of "The Lariat" and Nancy was also elected editor of the Annual with all the other seniors on both staffs.

Jim Lee left us after the first six weeks and we were all sorry to see him go. This left us only a class of five, of which Betty Bean was Valedictorian and Bill Maphies Salutatorian.

Baccalaureate was on May 23 and Graduation on May 26, both were held at the high school.

The Senior Banquet was held on May 24 at the Blue Room of the Community Church. The seniors parents sponsored this and the junior girls served.





BETTY BEAN

Valedictorian

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| President of Pep Club ----- | 4       |
| Cheerleader -----           | 3,4     |
| Vice-President -----        | 4       |
| Pow Wow -----               | 3       |
| Annual Staff -----          | 4       |
| Paper Staff -----           | 3,4     |
| Glee Club -----             | 1,2     |
| Pianist for Glee Club ----- | 3,4     |
| Phys. Ed. -----             | 1,2,3,4 |
| Pep Club -----              | 1,2,3,4 |
| Junior-Senior Play -----    | 3,4     |





BILL MAPHIES

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Salutatorian             |            |
| Boy's State -----        | 3          |
| President -----          | 4          |
| Basketball -----         | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Track -----              | 4          |
| Baseball -----           | 1, 2       |
| Football -----           | 2, 4       |
| Annual Staff -----       | 4          |
| Paper Staff -----        | 3, 4       |
| A Club -----             | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Junior-Senior Play ----- | 3          |

NANCY MCLEAN

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Editor of Annual             |            |
| Girl's State -----           | 3          |
| President -----              | 3          |
| Sec.-Treas. -----            | 4          |
| Vice-President of Pep Club - | 3          |
| Cheerleader -----            | 1, 3, 4    |
| Pow Wow -----                | 3          |
| Phys. Ed. -----              | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Pep Club -----               | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Glee Club -----              | 2, 3, 4    |
| Paper Staff -----            | 3, 4       |
| High School Rodeo ----       | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Junior-Senior Play -----     | 3          |







TOM PINGS

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Boy's State -----          | 3   |
| Sec.-Treas. -----          | 3   |
| Basketball -----           | 3   |
| Intramural Sports -----    | 1,2 |
| Fresno Teepee Talent ----- | 2   |
| Annual Staff -----         | 4   |
| Paper Staff -----          | 3,4 |
| High School Rodeo -----    | 3,4 |
| Fresno High, Calif. -----  | 1,2 |

RONALD LEE

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Vice-President -----     | 3       |
| Sec.-Treas. -----        | 2       |
| Baseball -----           | 1,2     |
| Track -----              | 2,3,4   |
| Basketball -----         | 1,2,3   |
| Football -----           | 1,2,3   |
| A Club -----             | 1,2,3,4 |
| Glee Club -----          | 2       |
| Annual Staff -----       | 3,4     |
| Paper Staff -----        | 3,4     |
| Junior-Senior Play ----- | 3,4     |
| High School Rodeo -----  | 4       |





# *Senior Class Prophecy*

The stillness of a vast forest area led to the peace and quiet of a western paradise. The peace and quiet was disrupted by a small gust of wind. As we sat there watching the clouds go by, we counted them. There were five. As they came closer they reminded us of the five seniors of "54".

In the lead was a big beautiful cloud, which reminded us of Betty Bean. She seemed to speak telling us she was happily married and that she is living on a ranch in the Rocky Mountains.

The next cloud reminded us of Kae Lee, who is a member of Notre Dame. He seemed to tell us he had finished another successful football season by scoring a total of 56 touchdowns.

Stillness once more prevailed as we see Nancy McLean. She married a handsome cowpoke, who is owner of a vast number of oil wells.

The image of Bill Maphies seemed to appear in the fourth cloud. Bill is a reserved gent, who is the first of the class to gain a fortune. (He lights his cigars with \$5 bills.) Bill succeeded in crossing bees with grasshoppers and is now producing an ever-loving drink of "Honey jew".

The last cloud of our reminiscence floated by. It was the image of Tom Pings. Tom followed the footsteps of great rodeo performers and is now a famous western song artist.

The clouds slowly went on their way. But they will be back bringing memories of our past schooldays and friendships.

The Juniors of "54"



# *Last Will and Testament*

We, the Senior Class, being of mature age, of generous mood, and sound and disposing mind, do hereby indite this, our last will and testament.

## ARTICLE I:

Item 1. To the junior class we bequeath our senior privileges--not enumerated, but nevertheless enjoyed.

Item 2. The publication of the Annual, with all its attendant joys.

Item 3. Our hearty wishes for their senior year.

Item 4. Our ability of organization, an unindolent attitude.

## ARTICLE II:

Item 1. We will to the sophomores the age-old privilege of tormenting the freshmen to their hearts' content, and of furthering their beauty and accomplishments.

Item 2. We will all our knowledge that we have received in school. "We don't need it."

## ARTICLE III:

Item 1. We bequeath to the freshmen our ability to get things done.

Item 2. We hand down the art of walking, talking, reading, writing, chewing gum, and in all ways, acting with seemliness that would become the seniors. We trust and hope they soon will be.

## ARTICLE IV:

Item 1. To the incoming freshmen we leave our share of the waste paper basket for the use of parking gum.

## ARTICLE V:

Item 1. To the teachers and to our school we leave the influence of our efforts and our loyalty.



## ARTICLE VI:

Item 1. We do individually leave the following to various members of the high school.

Clause 1. Nancy passes her skill of cheerleading to Betty Spinder and her ice skating ability to Mrs. Schmidt.

Clause 2. Bill bequeaths his ability to finish school to Kenny White, his straight hair to Joe Bohler, and his ability to get along with Mr. Wolfe to Ralph Morgan.

Clause 3. Tom leaves his dexterity to tinker around on the piano to Mr. Rohnke, height to Mr. Gall and ability to master chemistry to Gene Nett.

Clause 4. Betty donates her diabolic disposition to Janice Neal, and her talent of playing the piano to Ruth Jackson.

Clause 5. Kae wills his dramatics ability to Virginia Shortridge and his dreamy smile and sweetness to all the freshmen girls.

## ARTICLE VII:

Item 1. The senior boys bequeath their powerful physiques and good looks to the freshmen boys.

Item 2. The senior girls bequeath their beauty to the sophomore girls and their streamline figures to all the girls in high school.

Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the students present, the 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

WITNESSES:

Tom Fung  
Nancy McLean  
Kris Lee  
Billy Murphy

Betty Bean









President



Secretary



Vice-President



Treasure



Virginia  
Shortridge



Frank



Morgan

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Elaine Magnuson



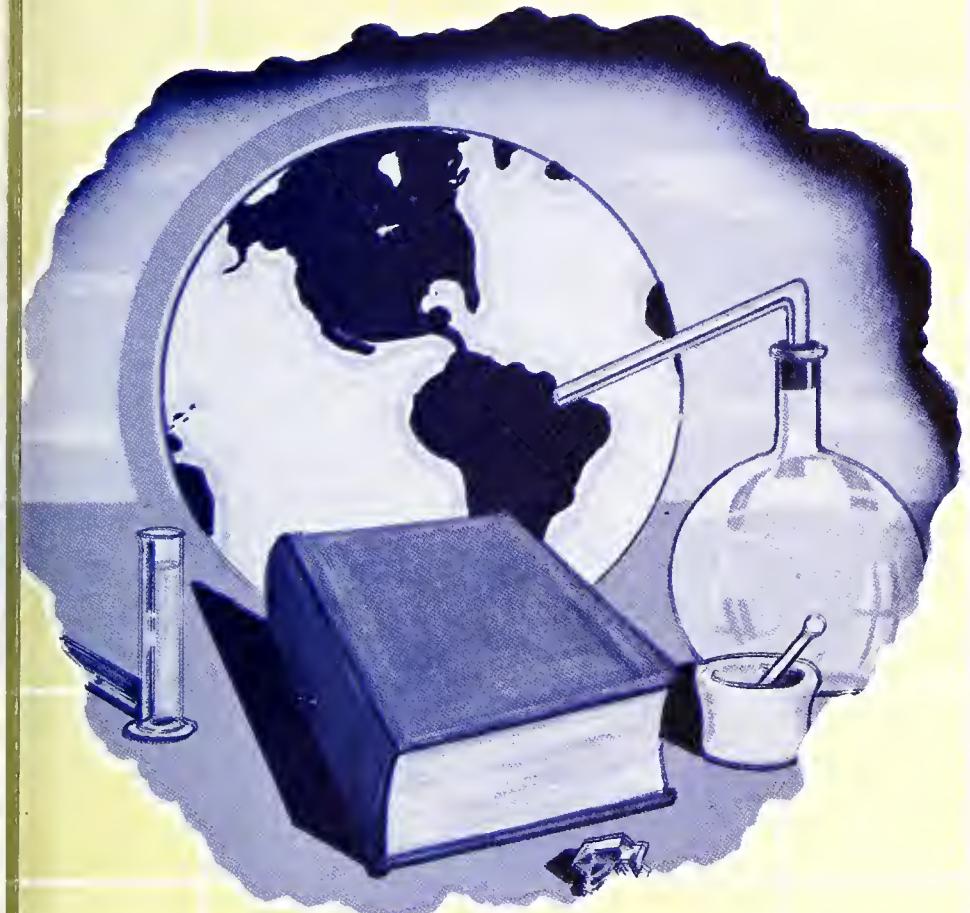
Nick Morrison











Sophomore Class





Karen Mosher  
President

# The Class



Noel Mosher  
Vice-President



Joe Bohler



Robert Bean  
Sec.-Treas.



Vivian Lerum

of



Helen Foster



Donald McBratney



Dick Converse

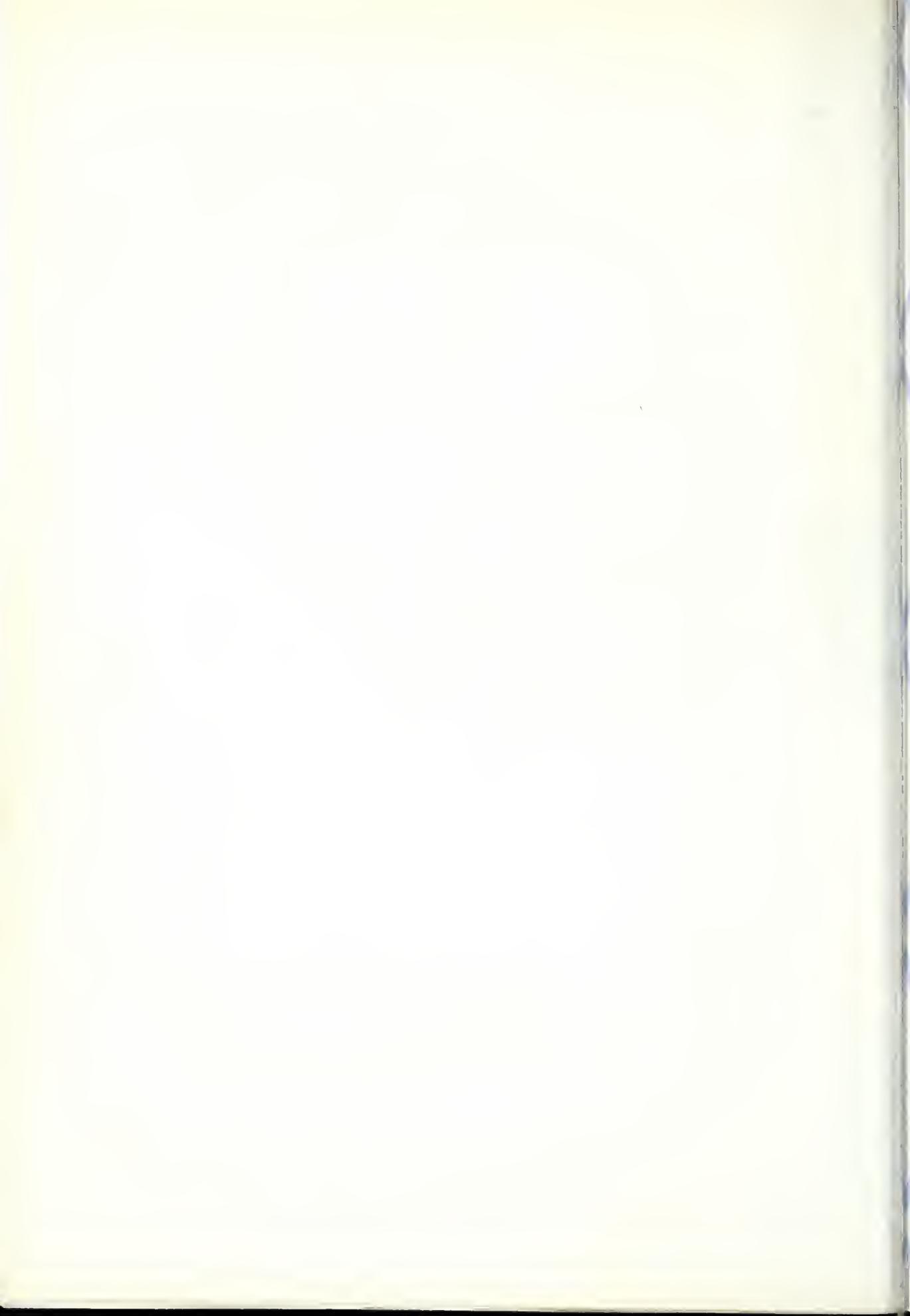


Bob Edwards

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Jerry Johnson





Freshmen





Jean Schrader  
President



John Girardi  
Sec.-Treas.



Ramona Brunett  
Vice-President



Mike Sangray



Marvin Wearley



Flora Lucero



Dale Cuniff



Nancy Bowman



Marion Erickson



Walter Lame



Flora Gervais



Stuart Kestner



Don Muir



Sharon Miller



John Vandeberg



Peggie Neal



Ralph Morgan



Robert Mogenson



Gordon Lerum

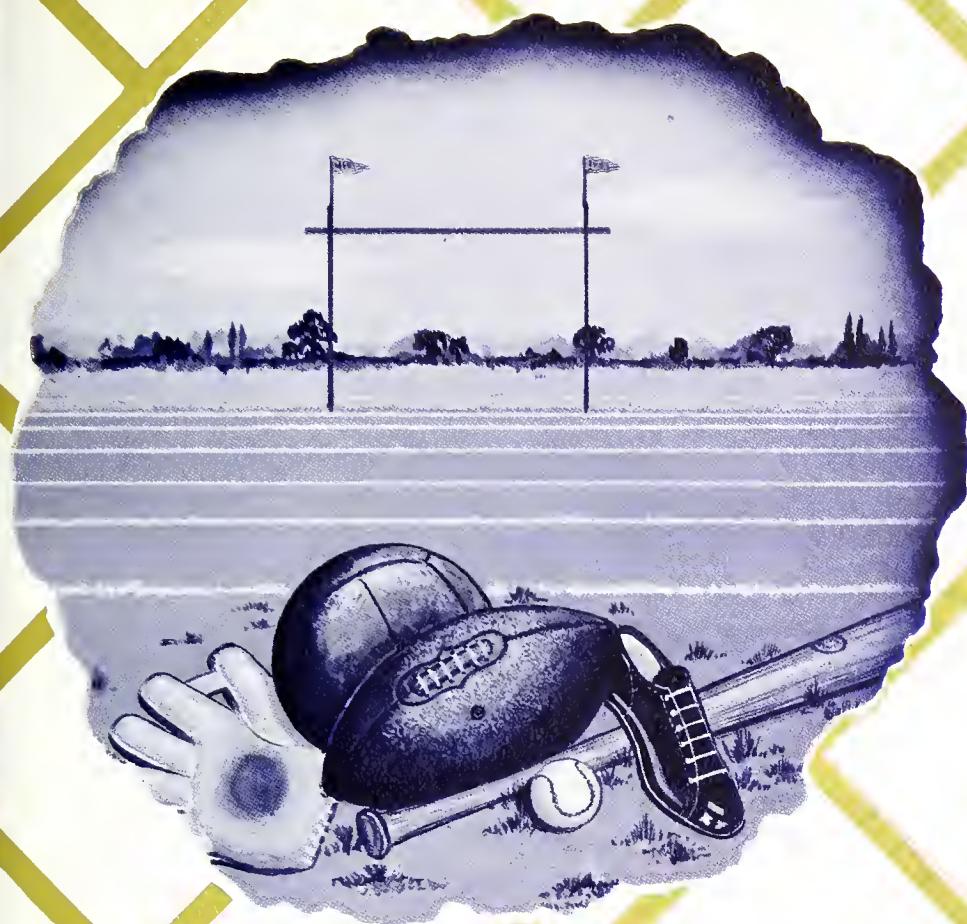
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Athletics





Ray Mills

Ray played both end and center well. His determination is an asset to the team.



Richard Converse

Dick played a good game at center.

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## Football Team



Don Arps

Don was a hard charging fullback and an outstanding tackler.



Don Gall  
Coach



Frank Morgan

Frank's defensive halfback tackling kept the opponents ground gains at a minimum.



Ralph Morgan

Ralph was a hard charging defensive end. He was outstanding in the Simms' game.





Ray Phillips

ay was outstanding at his end position on both offense and defense.



Bob Bean

Bob was a valuable player as both end and fullback on the Elks team.



Reg Wearley

Reg's passing ability as a quarterback accounted for many good gains for the Elks.



Jack Hane  
Assistant Coach



Gene Nett

Gene was an outstanding defensive center and an offensive halfback.



John Girardi

John was a speedy halfback and a fine kicker.





Standing left to right: Bill Maphies, Calvin Wearley, Richard Converse, John Girardi, Reg Wearley, James Allen, Nick Morrison, Gene Nett, Ralph Morgan, John Vandeberg, and Kenneth White.

Kneeling left to right: Donald Arps, Ray Mills, Coach Don Gall, Bob Bean, Assist. Coach Jack Hane, Ray Phillips, Frank Morgan, and Manager Don McBratney.

Members of the team of 1953-54 can justly feel proud of their season's work. Although they lost 4 games, they won two. The football year was a success from every point. The other teams of the conference play, found the Elks had a team that by no means was easy to score upon. Our team this year was, on the whole, inexperienced and lacking in confidence; nevertheless, they invariably displayed a stone-wall line and a plunging, hard hitting backfield.

#### FOOTBALL SCORES

|             | They | We |
|-------------|------|----|
| Valier      | 38   | 6  |
| Power       | 12   | 14 |
| Simms       | 16   | 0  |
| Dutton      | 8    | 0  |
| Centerville | 0    | 14 |
| Cascade     | 67   | 20 |





Left to right: Don Gall, Asst. Coach, John Girardi, Don McBratney, Ray Phillips, James Allen, Bob Bean, Joe Bohler, Ray Mills, Reg Wearley, Gene Nett, and Coach Jack Hane.

## Basketball

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A SQUAD

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|                  | We      | They    |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Dutton-----      | 45----- | 55----- |
| Centerville----- | 47----- | 42----- |
| Brady-----       | 25----- | 28----- |
| Choteau "B"----- | 35----- | 37----- |
| Valier-----      | 38----- | 75----- |
| Cascade-----     | 38----- | 44----- |
| Power-----       | 32----- | 55----- |
| Simms-----       | 38----- | 68----- |
| Dutton-----      | 40----- | 43----- |
| Centerville----- | 43----- | 50----- |
| Valier-----      | 41----- | 92----- |
| Cascade-----     | 46----- | 68----- |
| Power-----       | 38----- | 53----- |
| Simms-----       | 28----- | 66----- |
| Brady-----       | 52----- | 61----- |
| Choteau "B"----- | 41----- | 40----- |





"A"

## Squad

Gene Nett is a junior who stands 5'8". Gene is one of our mainstays and is a fast-break man. Gene is a very good defensive man where he plays at a forward position.

Gene Nett

Reg Wearley is a junior who stands 5'8". Reg could be called our floor-general, as he is the man who sets up our plays and guards against fast-breaks. Reg's defensive play was very good along with a much-improved shooting-eye this year.

Bob Bean is a sophomore standing 6'3". Bob is probably the best defensive man we have. He plays center and has done a commendable job against all opposition.

Bob Bean

Ray Mills is a junior who stands at an even 6'. Ray plays both forward and guard. Ray is equally good on defense as well as offense. He has a variety of shots that are going to do us a great deal of good next year.

Ray Phillips is a junior who stands 6'. Ray plays outstandingly at the forward position and is one of our toughest men to guard. We are looking forward to have Ray back next year.



Ray Phillips



Reg Wearley



Ray Mills



Coach Jack Hane





John Girardi



Mr. Gall



Joe Bohler

John Girardi is a freshman who stands 5'6". John is noted for his dribbling and shooting. He will be an asset to Augusta for the next three years. John plays guard.

Joe Bohler is a sophomore who stands 6'1". Joe is no doubt the most deceptive passer we have. He has a left-handed hook-shot that is almost impossible to stop.

Don McBratney is a sophomore who stands 5'8". Don is a good guard and has great speed. We will be looking for good play from him the next two years.

Frank Morgan is a junior who stands 5'11". Frank is one of our best fast-break men and is a good guard. Frank's shooting has improved greatly and will be a great help to us next year.

Jim Allen is a junior who stands 6'. Jim has a jump-shot that is hard to stop. His passing and setting up plays helps our team greatly.



Don McBratney



Frank Morgan



Jim Allen





Back row, left to right: Mike Sangray, Gordon Lerum, Dick Converse, John Vandeberg, Calvin Wearley, Stuart Kestner, Coach Gall. Front row, left to right: Bill Maphies, Walter Lame, Nick Morrison, Ken White, and Robert Mogenson.

### "B" SQUAD

|                  | We      | They |
|------------------|---------|------|
| Choteau-----     | 50----- | 49   |
| Dutton-----      | 45----- | 38   |
| Centerville----- | 35----- | 33   |
| Cascade-----     | 31----- | 32   |
| Simms-----       | 44----- | 34   |
| Valier-----      | 39----- | 42   |
| Power-----       | 37----- | 47   |
| Choteau-----     | 32----- | 37   |
| Centerville----- | 41----- | 46   |
| Dutton-----      | 25----- | 41   |
| Valier-----      | 36----- | 45   |
| Simms-----       | 28----- | 53   |
| Power-----       | 34----- | 39   |





Back row, left to right: Noel Mosher, Peggie Neal, Betty Spinder, Sharon Miller, Betty Bean, Nancy McLean, Susan Schrader, Flora Gervais, Elaine Magnuson. Middle row, left to right: Arlene Kenck, Janice Neal, Virginia Shortridge, Helen Foster, Ramona Brunett, Nancy Bowman, Ruth Jackson. Front row, left to right: Flora Lucero, Charon Erickson, JoAnn Nett, Karen Mosher, Donnita Hitchcock, Phys. Ed. Teacher, Mrs. Schmidt.

## Girl's Athletics

During the year, we have participated in several sports. The sports were as follows: Softball, archery, horseshoes, sockerball, basketball, volleyball, and play on the trampoline.

At the beginning of the year the class decided to choose teams. These teams were to participate in the different sports. So many points were to be given for each win during the year. No points were given for the games lost. The team with the most points were to be awarded with a party given by the losers.

Captains of the two teams were Betty Spinder and Nancy McLean.





## Activities





Front row, left to right: Larry Allen, Steven McLean, Art Buell, Mickey Manix, Billy Mosher, Edna Turnbow, and Jean Muir. Second row, left to right; Sharon Arrotta, Sharon Thomas, Jack Tuomi, Richard Artz, John Vandeberg, Joe Bohler, Paul Thomas, Don McBratney, and Karen Siemens. Third row, left to right: Bob Bean, Ronnie Mills, Sheryn Greene, Dick Converse, Ken McLean, Donald Converse, and Mr. Wolfe, instructor. Not pictured; Stewart Kestner, Jim Geldrich, and Clayton Hitchcock.

## Band

Last year the band consisted of twenty members and this year we have twenty-five members. We have played for a few basketball games and are planning a spring concert. There has been a marked improvement in the band's performance and we hope to continue this improvement in the coming years.





Back row, left to right: Susan Schrader, Ramona Brunett, Karen Mosher, Nancy McLean, JoAnn Nett, Virginia Shortridge, Flora Lucero. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Roos, Director, Ruth Jackson, Elaine Magnuson, Betty Spinder, Peggy Neal, Noel Mosher, Pianist, Betty Bean.

## Girl's Glee Club

The Girl's Chorus has been working hard this year and is showing marked improvement.

During the year they sang at the Christmas program, between the acts of the two community plays, at Baccalaureate, at graduation, and at various civic affairs.

A quartette composed of Susan Schrader, Ramona Brunett, Nancy McLean and Elaine Magnuson accompanied by Betty Bean sang at the Charter Banquet of the Lions Club.





Back row, left to right: Noel Mosher, Charon Erickson, Flora Lucero, Peggie Neal, Mrs. Schmidt, Flora Gervais, Janice Neal, Donnita Hitchcock, Ruth Jackson, Arlene Kenck. Front row, left to right: Elaine Magnuson, Ramona Brunett, Susan Schrader, Sharon Miller, Betty Spinder, Karen Mosher, Nancy Bowman, Helen Foster, Virginia Shortridge. Cheerleaders: Betty Bean, JoAnn Nett, Nancy McLean.

The Pep Club has been very active this year. They have attended all of the games at home plus most of the games away from home.

In the month of October the girls of the Pep Club increased their funds by selling baked goods and candies.

These funds were used to pay for transportation to and from the games.

The girls were very cooperative during their activities of the year.



Cheerleaders  
Betty Bean, JoAnn Nett, Nancy McLean

Pep Club  
Yell Leaders





Standing left to right: Janice Neal, Donnita Hitchcock, Virginia Shortridge, Elaine Magnuson, JoAnn Nett, Betty Spinder, Mr. Rohnke, Tom Pings, Gene Nett, Kae Lee, Arlene Kenck, Ruth Jackson, Bill Maphies. Seated left to right: Betty Bean, Reg Wearley, Nancy McLean

## *The Lariat Staff*

The Lariat, a paper published every two weeks, kept the students, faculty, and people in the community well versed on activities of School District #45 and news of the community.

Betty Bean and Nancy McLean put in a busy year as Co-editors of The Lariat. They faithfully kept close contact with the editors, reporters, and managers of The Lariat Staff; they voluntarily spent many hours outside of the regular class period preparing and running off stencils; and they started a catalog of all issues of The Lariat.

The Lariat is a self-supported paper. Arlene Kenck kept The Lariat on sound financial tracks as Sales Manager.

Other members of The Lariat Staff were as follows; Reg Wearley, Assistant Editor; Gene Nett, Ray Mills, and Kae Lee, Sports Editors; JoAnn Nett, Girls' Sports Editor; Janice Neal And Tom Pings, Art Editors; Betty Spinder, Feature Editor; Elaine Magnuson, Community Reporter; Virginia Shortridge, High School Reporter; Donnita Hitchcock, Grade School Reporter; Janice Neal and Ruth Jackson, Humor Editors; and Ruth Jackson and Billy Maphies, Advertising Managers. Mr. Rohnke was the sponsor.





Back row, left to right: Don Gall, Dick Converse, Joe Bohler, John Girardi, Bill Maphies, and Jack Hane. Front row, left to right: Reg Wearley, Gene Nett, Ray Mills, Don McBratney, Ray Phillips, and Bob Bean.

## "A" Club

### OFFICERS

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| PRESIDENT.....      | Reginald Wearley      |
| VICE-PRESIDENT..... | Gene Nett             |
| SECRETARY.....      | Ray Mills             |
| TREASURER.....      | Don McBratney         |
| ADVISERS.....       | Jack Hane<br>Don Gall |





Tommy Pings



Nancy McLean

### MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Montana's fastest growing sport is the High School Rodeo and Augusta High School can take credit for originating and developing this rising youth activity. Designed to raise scholastic standards and entice our boys and girls to remain in school, the Rodeo, now in its fifth year, has become own throughout the state. The National High School Rodeo, held here the summer of 1952 was the most successful ever produced, and High school cowboys and cowgirls throughout the West are looking forward to the national when it will again be held at Augusta, Montana.

Augusta entrants in the High School Rodeo last year were Noel Mosher, Jim Allen, Karen Mosher, Frank Morgan, Don Ops, Elaine Magnuson, Bud Hubbard, Virginia Shortridge, Gene Nett, JoAnn St., Tommy Pings, and Nancy McLean. They are pictured here.



Bud Hubbard



JoAnn and Gene Nett



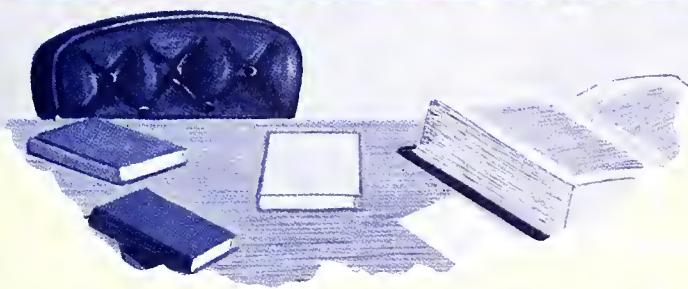


Upper row, left to right: Bill Maphies, Janice Neal, Gene Nett, Mrs. Schmidt, Tom Pings, Kae Lee, Ray Mills, Arlene Kenck. Lower row, left to right: Betty Bean, Nancy McLean, Ray Phillips.

#### WAPITA STAFF

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Editor-----                 | Nancy McLean |
| Ass't Editor-----           | Ray Phillips |
| Business Manager-----       | Kae Lee      |
| Ass't Business Manager----- | Gene Nett    |
| Snapshot Editor-----        | Tom Pings    |
| Artist-----                 | Janice Neal  |
| Athletic Editor-----        | Arlene Kenck |
| Athletic Editor-----        | Ray Mills    |
| Calender-----               | Bill Maphies |
| Society Editor-----         | Betty Bean   |
| Adviser-----                | Mrs. Schmidt |





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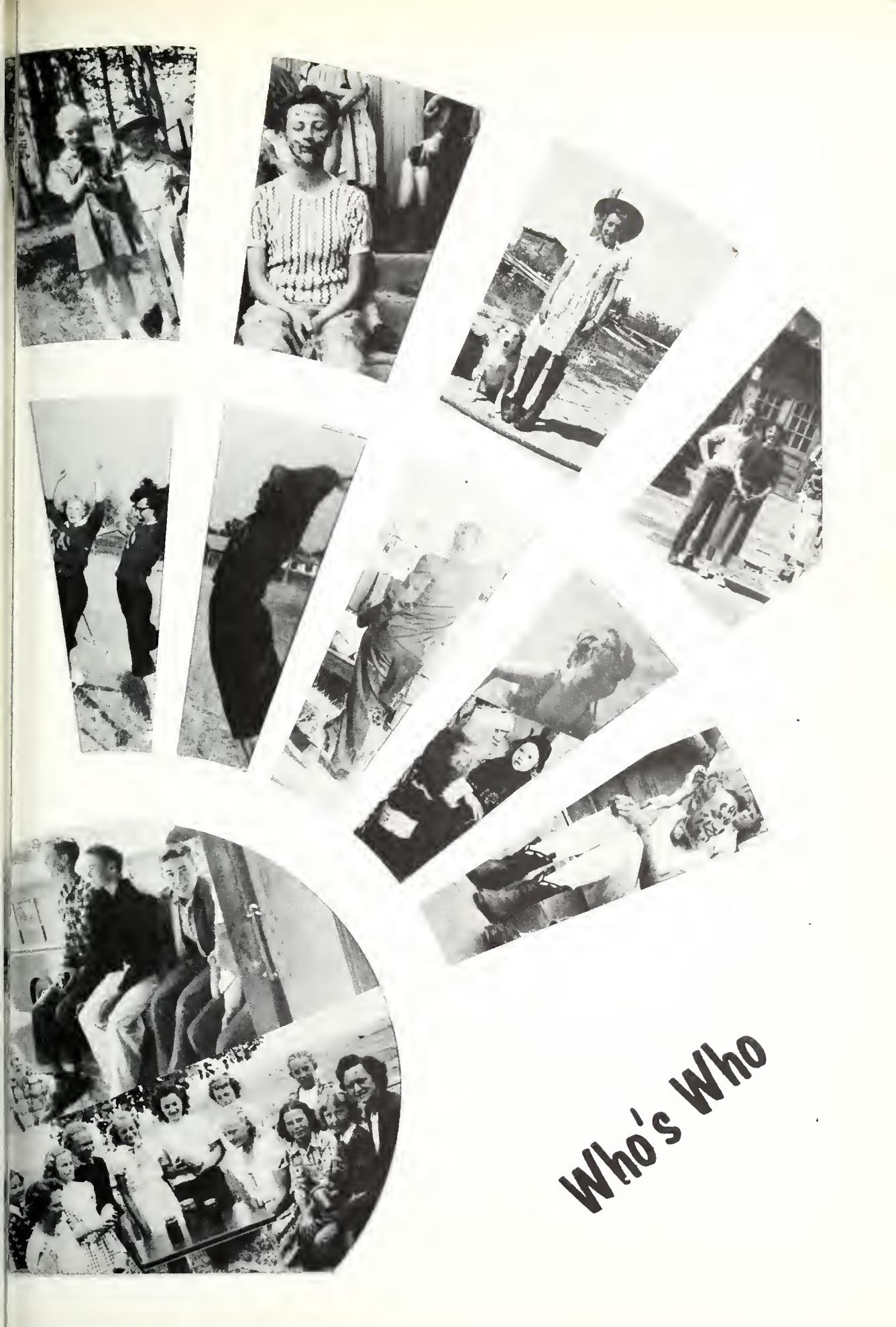




# In a Happy Mood







# Who's Who





Back row, left to right: Alan Joseph, Charlene Gelsinger, Alvie Jackson, Tom Troy, Nancy Kay Barrett, Terry Nett, Gordon Muir, Andy Anderson, Carol Gourley, Raymond Goss. Middle row, left to right: Ricky Mirehouse, Linda Swanson, Micheal Wadsworth, Mary Ann Shanahan, John Gervais, Dale Cotter, Larry Ray Krone, Jimmy Bender. Front row, left to right: Margaret Gervais, Leona Malatare, Penny Miller, Joyce Bean, Donald Girton, Katheryn Shanahan, George Girton, Paul Pronteau. Seated, left to right: Johnnie Allen, Gary Mills, Chuck Neal, Billy Bicket, and Benny Arps.  
Mrs. Lillian Nelson, Teacher.

*First and Second*

*Grade*





Back row, left to right: Joanne Shortridge, Lora Grace Lucero, Stella Muir, Jimmy Hubbard, Lonnie Allen, Lewis Zimmer, Scout Richton, Joe Geldrich, Doris Anderson, Lynne Benson, Emma Jean Ranieri, Joan Marie Mogenson, Florence Hitchcock. Third row, left to right: Bonnie Lou Pings, Eddie Barrett, Roger Benson, Sylvia Malatare, Jerry Bender, Dale Converse, Jay Tuomi, Mike Nichols. Second row, left to right: Diana Lee Arps, Gloria Erickson, Roberta Anderson, Charles Pronteau, Darleen Swanson, Peggy Whitaker, Sharon Johnson. First row, left to right: Milton Maphies, Clayton Wolfe, Frederick Turnbow, Delman Goss, and Danny Gervais.  
Mrs. Maxine Roos, Teacher.

*Third and Fourth*

*Grade*





Back row, left to right: Kay Vandeberg, Stephen McLean, Walter Lucero, Nancy Schrader, Marilyn Mosher, Jimmie Phillips, Paul Roos, Jean Muir, Alice Joseph, Gerald Wearley, Jack Tuomi, Sherry Kruger. Middle row, left to right: Audrey Arps, Marchie Buell, David Barrett, Ronald Roos, Sheryn Greene, Edna Turnbow, Larry Miller, Larry Allen, Richard Artz, Mary Lou Hubbard. First row, left to right: Donna Joseph, Barbara Whitaker, Karen Gelsinger, Mary Lee Pronteau, Bonnie Neal, Loretta Cotter, Marianne Siemens, Beryl Wearley. Seated, left to right: Billy Erickson, Robert Arrotta, Kenny Risley, and Sherman Maphies.  
Mrs. Rosemary Siemens, Teacher.

*Fifth and Sixth*

*Grade*





Back row, left to right: Dick Edwards, Paul Thomas, Madonna Miller, Carolyn Allen, Karen Siemens, Sharon Arrotta, Neva Pronteau, Carol Hoyt, Dick Neal, Billy Mosher. Middle row, left to right: Thomas Wadsworth, Jim Geldrich, Dick Cosgriffe, Glenn Arps, Kenneth McLean, Edna Falcon, Sharon Thomas, Lorna Wearley. Front row, left to right: Mickey Manix, Edward Johnson, Myra Swanson, Coreen Hitchcock, Shelley Lucero, Don Johnson, Ronnie Mills, Clayton Hitchcock. Mr. Jack Hane, Teacher. Not pictured, Art Buell.

*Seventh and Eighth*

*Grade*



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## Special Events





# Calendar



## SEPTEMBER

- 2---School opens. Freshmen initiation begins.  
4---Freshmen initiation ends. White gets baby bottle.  
9---Class officers elected.  
10---Annual staff selected.  
11---Sophomore party for freshmen.  
18---First football game. Valier here and we were defeated.  
23---Seniors order announcements. Juniors order class rings.  
25---We win a tight game with Power there.  
30---Teachers reception.

## OCTOBER

- 2---Win over Centerville.  
9---Loss to Dutton.  
14---Elks defeated by Badgers.  
16---Augusta loses to Simms.  
20---New flag pole erected.  
21---Seniors to Great Falls for annual adds.  
22---Annual pictures taken by Umphress.  
24---White gets engagement ring.  
29---Convention for teachers. White gets married.

## NOVEMBER

- 9---Seniors and Juniors throw shindig for lower classmen.  
14---Whiskeroo. Clean faces again.  
23---2nd six weeks.  
26---Vacation. Turkey day!  
28---Elks win first basketball game over Choteau.

## DECEMBER

- 1---Juniors receive class rings.  
4---Elks lose to Fairfield Jayvees.  
7---Seniors shot at Harringtons.  
11---A squad lose to Dutton. B squad wins.  
12---Seniors get shots back. Good as could be expected.  
18---Elks lose to Brady Bulldogs. Xmas party after game.  
22---Xmas vacation!  
30---Choteau revenges early loss to Elks.

## JANUARY

- 4---Back in school. New clock in studyhall.  
5---No heat, so no school.  
8---Panthers win over Augusta.

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## JANUARY

- 9---Elks lose to Badgers.
- 10---Oh no! Semester tests.
- 15---Elks overcome by Power Pirates.
- 16---Tigers defeat Elks.
- 20---Too cold. No school.
- 22---Cardinals slip by Augusta.
- 23---Miners beat Elks.
- 26---Spit wad day. Double assignments
- 28---More annual pictures taken.



## FEBRUARY

- 1---Annual sales start. Schmidt gets mouse for birthday.
- 3---Seniors go to Great Falls for annual add's.
- 5---Valier defeats Augusta.
- 6---Cascade beats Augusta.
- 12---Jr. and Sr. classes select play. Pirates beat Elks.
- 13---Tigers beat Augusta in last game.
- 18---Class C Tournament in Conrad.
- 20---Boys win sportsmanship award at tournament.
- 26---Grade school vacation.

## MARCH

- 4---Senior announcements arrive.
- 8---Play practice started. Tommy Middleton here from M.S.U.
- 12---Nurse here.
- 15---Shots given for diphtheria.
- 19---Mr. Gall had an appendicitis operation.
- 22---Betty Spinder is chosen to go to Girls' State.
- 29---Man here from N.M.C. to talk to seniors.

## APRIL

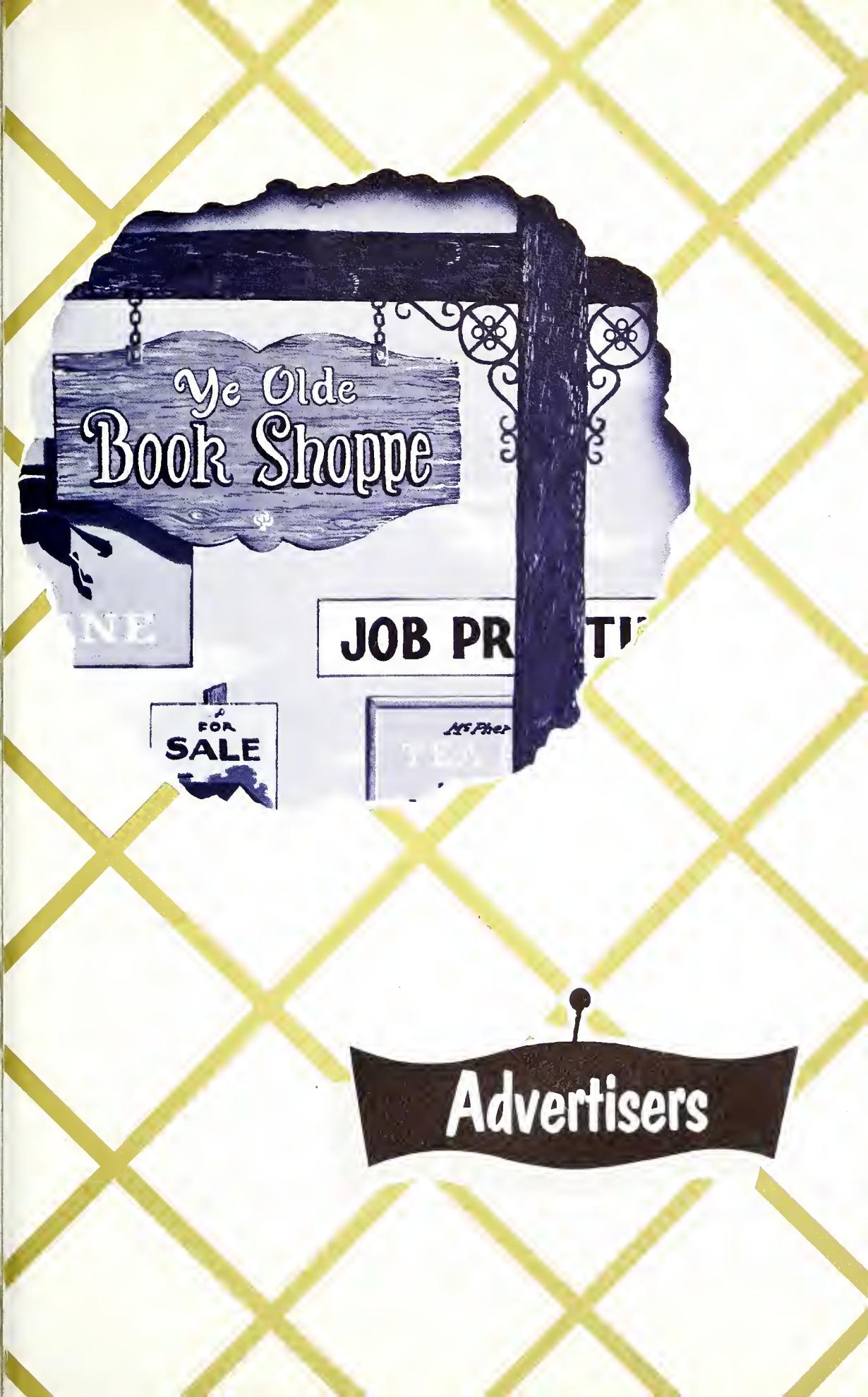
- 1---Matinee "Pecks Bad Boy".
- 2---School play "Pecks Bad Boy".
- 14---Easter Follies.
- 16---No school. Good Friday.
- 17---Track meet at Choteau.
- 23---Prom with a theme of "China Town".
- 30---Cub Scout Fair.

## MAY

- 1---Track meet at Choteau.
- 6---Sneak day.
- 7---District track meet at Great Falls.
- 14---Stunt Night.
- 15---Teachers pick out Heisey awards.
- 21---Last day of school for seniors.
- 23---Baccalaureate.
- 24---Senior Banquet.
- 26---Graduation.
- 28---Schools out--Whoopee!!!







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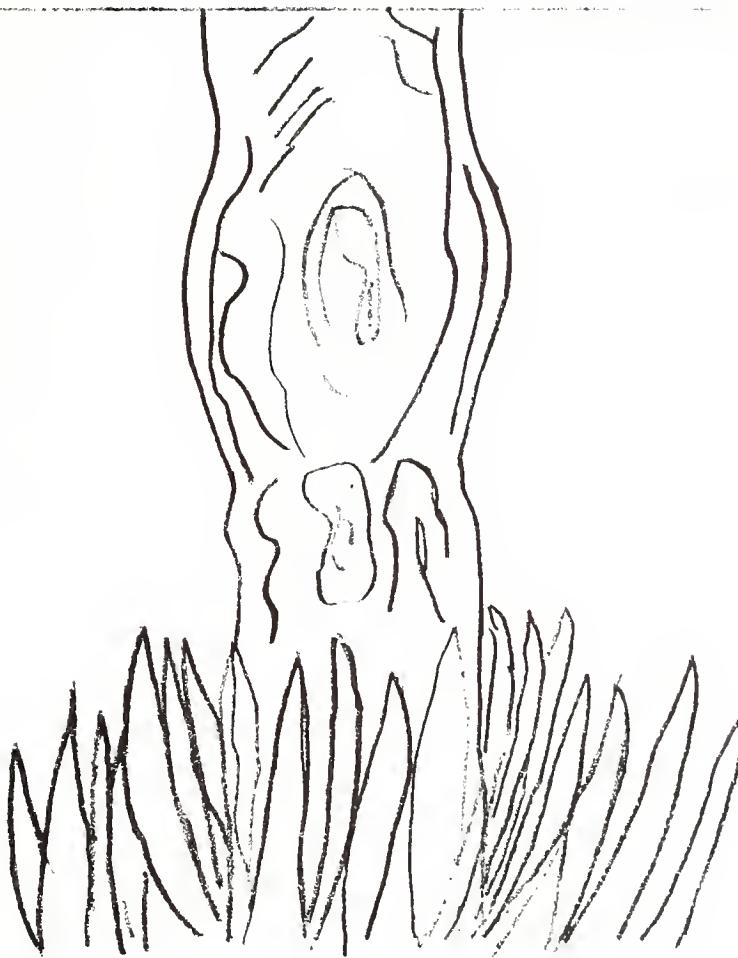
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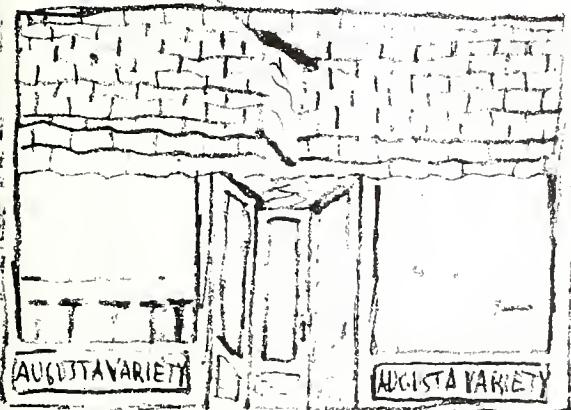
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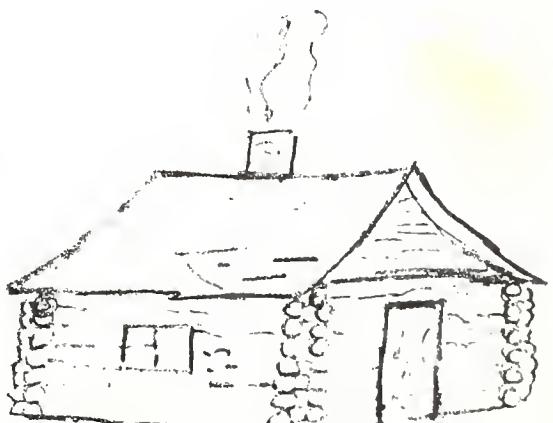
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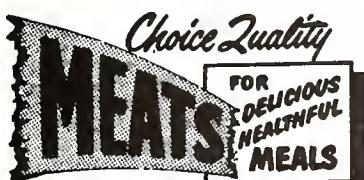
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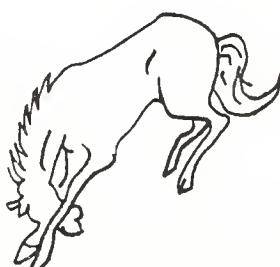
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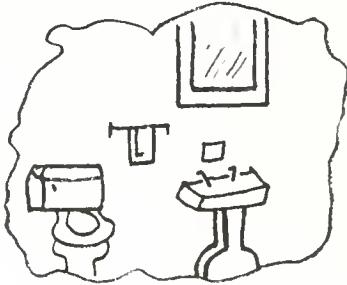
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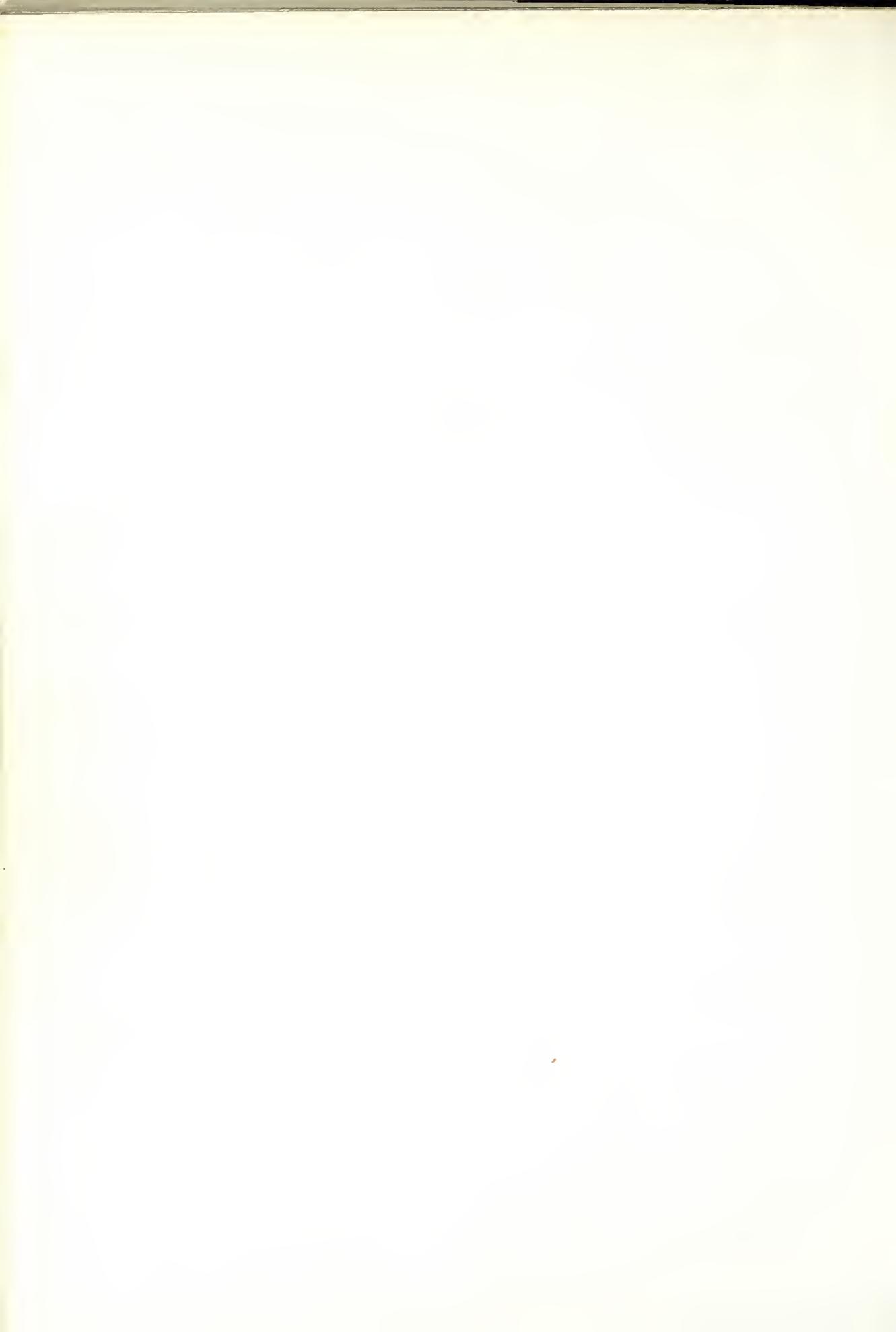
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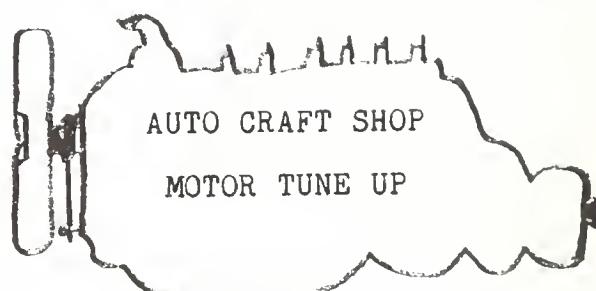
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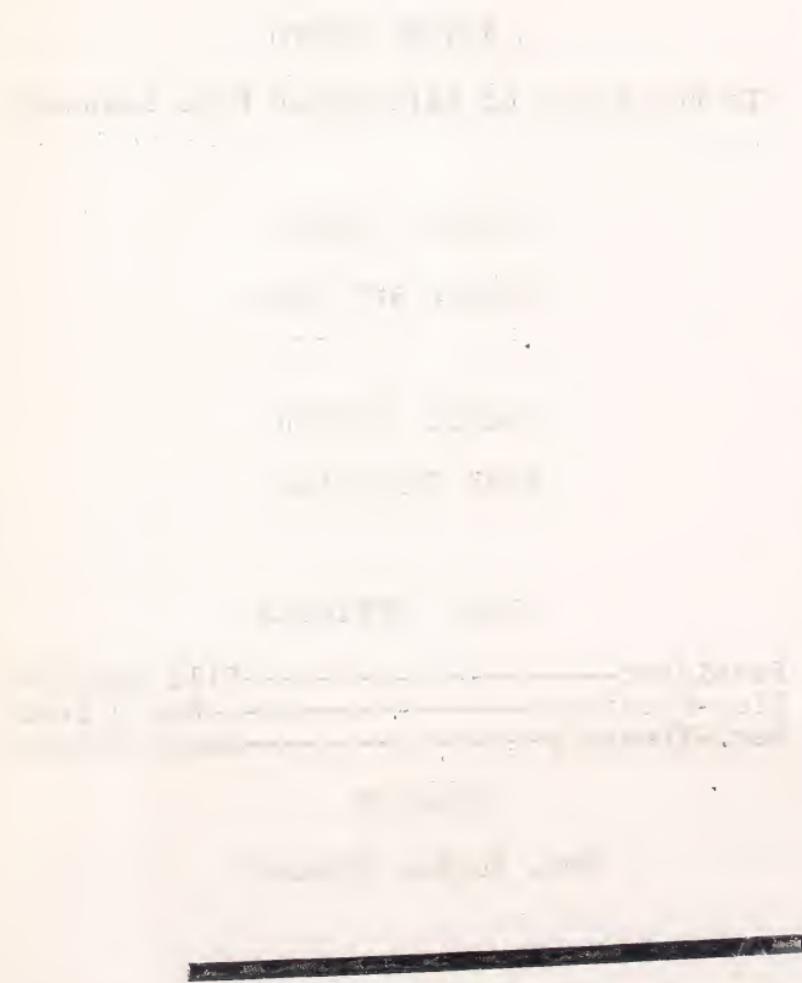
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Salutatory Address-----Bill Maphies  
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